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COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]326,622	(X)	92,788	55,793	97,870	15,881	2,934	4,090	[2]1,844,558	(X)	253,124	149,477	736,445	132,479	27,638	19,740
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]125,657	42,214	11,430	34,908	8,865	821	1,664	(X)	[2]679,054	106,488	41,375	251,527	77,352	11,387	7,512
Massachusetts.....	3,883	2,181	944	1	2,364	113	74	22	27,204	15,505	3,291	(Z)	20,169	1,838	1,349	144
Rochester.....	95	95	83	-	-	(Z)	-	-	447	444	433	-	-	1	-	-
Buffalo.....	550	548	471	-	1	2	-	(Z)	2,944	2,915	2,757	-	6	6	-	3
New York.....	129,600	48,166	15,802	8,195	81,719	7,946	639	3,359	847,302	299,730	81,871	41,540	622,193	60,545	4,983	16,348
Philadelphia.....	1,060	548	55	36	777	91	8	23	3,088	1,085	137	189	2,421	189	37	54
Maryland.....	548	464	24	(Z)	359	78	10	16	1,977	1,439	49	3	1,660	139	2	75
Virginia.....	34	32	4	-	27	1	-	-	149	147	6	-	122	18	-	-
Florida.....	98,763	31,561	44,863	46,164	252	37	1	6	179,751	56,659	70,850	100,893	946	177	15	31
New Orleans.....	5,598	1,245	4,536	428	21	12	1	(Z)	12,920	3,520	9,872	2,216	84	30	12	2
Galveston.....	4,702	2,793	2,605	169	865	377	2	239	19,190	10,666	8,097	454	7,111	1,564	28	1,315
Laredo.....	2,704	2,224	2,497	57	9	(Z)	-	1	6,977	5,881	6,542	124	84	(Z)	-	2
Los Angeles.....	6,150	2,980	1,058	288	2,318	1,304	404	78	54,284	23,749	5,555	2,073	26,085	15,651	3,384	364
San Francisco.....	9,195	4,197	171	186	1,325	4,728	1,593	61	75,428	33,291	776	1,439	13,993	44,814	12,117	346
Washington.....	2,366	1,912	1,616	2	59	211	7	1	8,849	6,551	6,345	16	533	1,100	78	4
Alaska.....	283	255	25	4	23	202	(Z)	-	2,358	2,311	81	5	69	2,171	1	-
Hawaii.....	619	311	130	-	5	192	122	2	4,414	3,870	71	-	94	468	3,678	8
Montana and Idaho.....	307	292	240	-	-	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,789	1,738	1,677	-	-	1	-	3
Dakota.....	1,076	1,073	787	-	1	-	(Z)	(Z)	3,570	3,566	2,984	-	95	-	(Z)	(Z)
Minnesota.....	169	154	57	-	43	11	54	-	2,459	2,437	243	-	69	268	1,870	-
Michigan.....	2,515	1,656	326	(Z)	1,984	14	7	32	6,401	3,885	350	(Z)	5,754	56	23	100
Chicago.....	16,349	4,289	8,318	48	5,290	489	11	203	73,934	22,387	35,847	137	30,774	3,230	59	862
Ohio.....	3,129	113	2,398	1	2	-	-	-	10,612	152	9,512	4	53	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	6,294	3,360	5,064	170	54	(Z)	-	3	4,842	2,786	4,011	276	128	1	-	(Z)
All other Customs districts.....	1,370	968	715	43	374	73	1	44	6,349	4,967	1,770	106	4,002	213	2	80
Special Category[3]	29,264	14,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	487,319	169,375	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	128,467	(X)	30,993	14,392	68,374	13,785	270	653	956,076	(X)	102,279	32,225	676,408	105,048	3,578	11,456
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	59,143	13,428	3,919	32,113	9,366	44	273	(X)	403,676	40,316	11,540	271,848	75,681	790	3,502
Massachusetts	1,641	972	412	(Z)	1,208	18	1	3	12,497	9,146	3,501	(Z)	8,252	146	2	35
Rochester	48	47	47	-	1	-	-	-	407	283	282	-	8	-	-	-
Buffalo	333	173	299	-	33	(Z)	-	(Z)	3,150	2,690	2,729	-	102	3	-	170
New York	69,255	32,437	2,047	1,620	60,497	4,454	67	570	720,489	276,307	38,547	17,599	606,658	33,364	1,486	10,672
Philadephia	160	115	15	1	143	1	-	-	4,984	4,094	220	2	4,342	30	-	-
Maryland	303	188	7	3	279	11	(Z)	2	5,229	3,057	47	13	3,485	1,271	2	6
Virginia	28	1	(Z)	-	28	(Z)	-	-	181	3	1	-	111	(Z)	-	-
Florida	27,331	7,911	15,245	11,700	218	158	(Z)	9	31,886	15,046	15,174	13,040	2,433	185	(Z)	17
New Orleans	2,418	1,784	2,385	8	22	3	-	-	1,143	687	664	74	151	17	-	-
Galveston	628	338	570	33	24	(Z)	-	(Z)	2,062	590	1,167	111	251	6	-	29
Laredo	1,375	1,299	1,373	(Z)	1	(Z)	-	-	893	566	632	1	23	3	-	-
Los Angeles	5,001	2,394	355	65	1,379	3,172	26	3	44,850	18,163	4,671	781	17,870	18,472	542	110
San Francisco	4,381	3,119	47	55	785	3,304	150	39	31,559	22,582	206	183	6,817	21,297	1,299	144
Washington	1,284	1,231	143	-	278	863	(Z)	(Z)	23,095	21,579	2,903	-	367	19,089	24	1
Alaska	86	78	4	-	6	75	-	-	2,875	2,762	17	-	48	2,759	-	-
Hawaii	457	145	29	1	15	387	24	-	2,555	1,012	59	11	51	1,816	203	-
Montana and Idaho	44	44	44	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	573	542	547	-	4	2	-	-
Dakota	21	18	18	-	(Z)	2	-	-	234	185	210	-	3	1	-	-
Minnesota	7	7	5	-	(Z)	2	-	-	170	52	30	-	2	26	-	-
Michigan	779	611	46	(Z)	719	8	-	7	4,125	2,801	851	1	2,692	20	-	209
Chicago	4,257	2,245	982	1	2,411	844	(Z)	19	50,826	16,903	25,084	10	19,683	4,473	5	50
Ohio	235	13	152	(Z)	82	(Z)	-	-	3,333	130	1,661	4	1,221	1	-	-
Puerto Rico	7,647	3,359	6,624	900	84	38	(Z)	1	3,648	1,782	2,232	377	495	89	(Z)	1
All other Customs districts	753	615	144	3	161	441	1	1	5,313	2,716	842	18	1,340	1,978	14	10

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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